AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A system that facilitates efficient code construction, comprising: a component that receives a first code <u>designed in a noise model</u>, the first code comprises algorithms utilized to correct noise errors with high probability; and

a transformation component that transforms the first code to a new code that has essentially same length parameters as the first code but is hidden to a computationally bounded adversary, the transformation component utilizes a random number generator to perform algebraic transformations on data utilizing the first code to generate the new code,

wherein the new code acts as a protective wrapping of the first code, such that an attack on the new code by the computationally bounded adversary would appear as a noise attack on the first code; and

wherein the first code designed in the noise model utilizes the algorithms to correct the noise errors with a high success rate.

- 2. (Original) The system of claim 1, the new code appears random to the computationally bounded adversary.
- 3. (Original) The system of claim 1, an adversarial attack by the bounded adversary on the new code is randomly distributed on the first code.
- 4. (Original) The system of claim 1, the transformation component comprises a pseudorandom number generator that facilitates transforming the first code into the new code.
- 5. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising a decoder that determines the first

code from the new code.

- 6. (Original) The system of claim 5, the decoder comprising a checking component that determines whether the first code has been corrupted.
- 7. (Original) The system of claim 6, the checking component utilizing a checking function $h: \Sigma^n \to \{0,1\}$, where Σ is a finite alphabet that defines a family of codes and n is a length parameter for Σ .
- 8. (Original) The system of claim 6, the checking component outputting a vector, the first code being corrupted when the vector is a non-zero vector.
- 9. (Original) The system of claim 5, the decoder utilizes a unique decoding function g, where $g(\tilde{c}) = c$ when $d(c, \tilde{c}) < \frac{d}{2}$, and c is a code word, \tilde{c} is code word c that has been altered, and d is a Hamming distance between any two code words.
- 10. (Original) The system of claim 5, the decoder utilizes a list decoding function g, where $g(\tilde{c}) = L$, where \tilde{c} is a codeword c that has been altered, and L is a list of code words that contain c.
- 11. (Original) The system of claim 5, wherein the first code is generated based at least in part on a sequence of messages.
- 12. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 11, the decoder knowing the sequence of messages.
- 13. (Original) The system of claim 12, further comprising a pseudo random number generator, the pseudo random number generator generates two pseudo random numbers *a* and *b*,

each n number of bits, based upon a position within the sequence of one of the messages, and further generates a random permutation σ that permutes the n bits.

- 14. (Original) The system of claim 13, the transformation component sends a randomized code word to the decoder, the randomized code word having the form $a \times \sigma(f(m_i)) + b$, where f is an encoding function, m is a message, i is the position of the message within the sequence, and \times is a bitwise multiplication operator.
- 15. (Original) The system of claim 11, the transformation component embeds information relating to the sequence of messages into the new code.
- 16. (Original) The system of claim 15, the first code has a length of n_l , and the information relating to the sequence of messages embedded in n_l locations in the new code.
- 17. (Original) The system of claim 16, further comprising a pseudo random number generator, the pseudo random number generator generates two pseudo random numbers a and b based upon a seed, each n number of bits, based upon a position within the sequence of one of the messages, and further generates a random permutation σ that permutes the n bits.
- 18. (Original) The system of claim 17, an encoder sending the new code to the decoder, the new code having embedded therein the seed.
- 19. (Original) The system of claim 1, the first code including information relating to authorization of use of the first code, and further comprising a tracing component that determines whether a user is authorized to use the first code.
- 20. (Currently Amended) A system that hides a codeword from a computationally bounded adversary, comprising:
 - a code generator that generates a first code designed in a noise model and based at least

in part upon a sequence of messages that are desirably relayed to a receiver, the first code comprising algorithms utilized to correct noise errors with high probability;

a code hiding module that creates a second code, the second code being a pseudo random version of the first code, the second code appears to be random to a computationally bounded adversary; and

a decoder that determines the first code from the second code,

wherein the second code acts as a protective wrapping of the first code, such that an attack on the second code by the computationally bounded adversary would appear as a noise attack on the first code; and

wherein the first code designed in the noise model utilizes the algorithms to correct the noise errors with a high success rate.

- 21. (Original) The system of claim 20, further comprising an encoding component that encodes a message and creates a code word, the encoding component encodes the message with a code that has a minimum relative distance ε and rate $1 \kappa \varepsilon$ for some constant $\kappa > 1$.
- 22. (Original) The system of claim 21, further comprising a component that utilizes the encoded message and divides the encoded message into a number of blocks *B*, the *B* blocks being of substantially similar size.
- 23. (Original) The system of claim 22, the plurality of blocks encoded using (n, k, n k + 1) Reed-Solomon code, where n is a resulting size of the encoded blocks and k is a size of the blocks prior to encoding.
- 24. (Original) The system of claim 23, the code hiding module comprising a bipartite expander graph with a number of edges being substantially similar to *Bn*, and symbols within the *B* blocks are randomly assigned an edge within the bipartite expander graph.

- 25. (Original) The system of claim 20, the decoder comprises one or more algorithms that facilitate solving a minimum vertex cover problem.
- 26. (Original) The system of claim 20, further comprising a synchronization component that synchronizes the code generator with the decoder.
- 27. (Original) The system of claim 20, the code hiding module embeds synchronization information into the second code.
- 28. (Currently Amended) A method for hiding a data package from a computationally bounded adversary, comprising:

receiving a message that is desirably transferred to an authorized user; encoding the message utilizing an encoding scheme designed in a noise model;

algebraically transforming the encoded message into a first code, the first code rendered random to an unauthorized user, and the first code comprising algorithms utilized to correct noise errors with high probability; and

transforming the first code to a second code that has essentially same length parameters as the first code but is hidden to a computationally bounded adversary, wherein the second code acts as a protective wrapping of the first code, such that an attack on the second code by the computationally bounded adversary would appear as a noise attack on the first code; and

utilizing the algorithms of the first code to correct the noise errors with a high success rate.

- 29. (Original) The method of claim 28, further comprising decoding the message, wherein the message is decoded at least in part by solving a minimum vertex cover problem.
- 30. (Original) The method of claim 28, further comprising embedding information into the first code relating to the message's position within a sequence of messages.
- 31. (Original) The method of claim 28, further comprising decoding the first code based at least in part upon knowledge of the message's position within a sequence of messages.

32. (Original) The method of claim 31, further comprising: generating a seed;

generating random numbers a and b based at least in part upon the seed, wherein a and b have a length of n bits; and

generating a random permutation σ that permutes the n bits; and embedding the seed into the first code.

33. (Currently Amended) A system that facilitates efficient code construction, comprising: means for receiving a first code <u>designed in a noise model</u>, the first code comprises algorithms utilized to correct noise errors with high probability;

means for transforming the first code into a second code, the second code appearing random to a computationally bounded adversary and having substantially similar length as the first code, the means for transforming utilizes a random number generator to perform algebraic transformations on data utilizing the first code to generate the second code; and

means for decoding the second code to obtain the first code;

wherein the second code acts as a protective wrapping of the first code, such that an attack on the second code by the computationally bounded adversary would appear as a noise attack on the first code; and

means for utilizing the algorithms of the first code to correct the noise errors with a high success rate.

34. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium having computer executable instructions stored thereon to transform a first code into a second code, the second code being a pseudo-randomized version of the first code and having essentially a same length as the first code, the second code appearing truly random to a computationally bounded adversary, wherein the first code <u>is designed in a noise model and</u> comprises algorithms utilized to correct noise errors with high probability, and wherein the second code acts as a protective wrapping of the

first code, such that an attack on the second code by the computationally bounded adversary would appear as a noise attack on the first code; and wherein the first code designed in the noise model utilizes the algorithms to correct the noise errors with a high success rate.

35. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium having a data structure stored thereon that receives a first code that is designed in a noise model and transforms the first code into a second code, the second code being a substantially similar size as the first code and appearing random to a computationally bounded adversary, wherein the second code acts as a protective wrapping of the first code, such that an attack on the second code by the computationally bounded adversary would appear as a noise attack on the first code; and wherein the first code designed in the noise model utilizes algorithms to correct the noise errors with a high success rate.